

# Base X Eagle



CERI

Base X, Deployed Location

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Pete Saldana

The eagle has landed

A 67th Fighter Squadron pilot lands his F-15 Eagle at Base X during the base CERI. 18th Wing people and planes are located at Base X, testing their ability to fly and fight from a forward-operating location.

## Contamination Avoidance: Key to Survival

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While contamination avoidance is the best tool for survival in a chemical warfare environment, it isn't always possible depending on the situation.

### **Chemical avoidance**

When under attack, take cover, roll up your windows, go inside, close the

doors, stay off the grass, hide under a poncho or piece of plastic — just don't become contaminated.

### **Clean off the chemicals**

Anyone who becomes contaminated should decontaminate themselves as soon as possible with M-291 or M-295 kits.

Wipe the contamination with a decontamination mitt (simulated by a paper sack)

and seek assistance if necessary.

To ensure boots and hands are clean of any contamination, use a shuffle pit and hand trough. If a good self-decontamination is accomplished, a Contamination Control Area visit won't be needed.

### **During the sweep**

The sector sweep teams make a difference for mission continuation. During a sweep, it is possible to become contaminated.

If this happens, stay calm, continue the sweep, then decontaminate yourself afterwards, after first reporting to the assigned sector chief who will then inform the SRC. Don't wait until the entire sweep is finished to

make the report.

This is extremely important if you are or have been in a sector that has declared MOPP 4 Alpha (MOPP 4 without the mask).

Remember, we only use MOPP 4 Alpha if the vapor hazard from the chemicals is low but a contact hazard still exists.

That means the chemicals are still out there so don't touch your face. You may transfer chemicals from your gloves to your face.

### **Decontaminate your equipment too**

Decontamination is not only good for you but it is good for your equipment, too. Keep it covered, inside and away from chemicals.

## People must wear reflective belts at night

During hours of darkness, everyone except for aircrew conducting pre-flight inspections and security forces on duty are required to wear the belt around the waist. This allows drivers greater visibility of pedestrians.

## Military Code of Conduct:

### ARTICLE I:

I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

### ARTICLE II:

I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command, I will never surrender the members of my command while they still have the means to resist.

### ARTICLE III:

If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and to aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

### ARTICLE IV:

If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information nor take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them in every way.

### ARTICLE V:

When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country or its allies or harmful to their cause.

### ARTICLE VI:

I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free.

I will trust in my God and in the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## Dining Hall

**Wednesday Menu:** Fried shrimp, steamed rice, green beans and clam chowder soup.

The Quick Turn dining facility's hours of operation are as follows:

<b>Breakfast</b>	MRE	0200-1000
<b>Lunch</b>	HOT	1000-1400
<b>Dinner</b>	MRE	1400-2200
<b>Midnight</b>	HOT	2200-0200

MRE's and bottled water may be picked up at the Quick Turn or ECP 4.

## Flashers needed at night

All vehicle operators must turn on their emergency flashers for 10 minutes or until they return to their vehicle when alarm MOPP or THREATCON conditions changes.

Operators should take time to change the corresponding flags (Green, Yellow, Blue, and Black) if doing so will not expose them to danger from an ensuing attack.

The purpose of turning on emergency flashers is to raise awareness of alarm condition changes.

Operators should be aware of the entire situation. Those with land mobile radios, LMRs, should call their control centers to verify conditions.

Those without LMRs should pay special attention to all factors, not just flags and flashers. Look at other vehicle operators.

Are they taking cover and/or donning protective gear? If unsure, stop immediately and ask them what's changed.

## Nice place to visit, but don't drink the water

Everyone on Base X is advised not to use tap water for drinking, brushing teeth or for any type of consumption. Only bottled water should be used for drinking and personnel hygiene.

Bottled water may be picked up at ECP 4 and the Quick Turn dining facility.

If you don't drink enough water, health officials say you may dehydrate or cause heat stress, which can incapacitate you long before you even notice you're thirsty.

Base X officials advice people to drink one-half to two quarts of water per hour after donning the ground crew ensemble.

## HUMOR

### *Bumper stickers you might find on chem suits*

- If you can read this, I'm obviously faster than you.
- Approach with extreme caution. I get a bit jumpy when there are deadly chemicals trying to kill me.
- Live gas-free or die!
- If you can read this, don't move. I'm using you for cover.
- Alcohol and chemical attacks don't mix.
- I'd rather be breathing...fresh air.

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